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COMMISSION ANNOUNCES STAFF RECIPIENTS OF FCC EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMICS AWARDS

Washington - The Federal Communications Commission today announced the names of seven FCC employees who are the recipients of the second annual FCC "Excellence in Economic Analysis" awards.

The award winners are Evan Kwerel, John Scott, William Sharkey, Tom Spavins, Craig Stroup, John Williams (who retired from the Commission in December), and Paul Zimmerman. Kwerel and Williams share a single award, as do Scott and Spavins.

The awards recognize outstanding contributions to economic analysis at the Commission, based on the impact of the contribution on Commission policy and/or its significance for the general base of knowledge in economics or public policy analysis.

The Excellence in Economic Analysis awards are a key part of Chairman Michael Powell's Excellence in Economic Analysis initiative, which also includes expanding staff training opportunities and additional resources for software and other research materials. Up to five awards are given annually and all Commission staff are eligible for nomination.